

To our Dad,
You taught us to pray, and trusted and allowed us to search for God in our own way, even when you weren't sure that we were on the right path.
You taught us that it is OK to follow God's leading when you changed careers, moved across the country and started fresh. You took a chance at a new beginning with Lucy and we are blessed to have her in our lives.
You always said you were a great cook ... at cooking hotdogs! Late in life, you learned to cook and made your famous vegetable soup for EVERYONE!
You taught us to love music, playing guitar and having sing-a-longs. Thank you for teaching my (Brian's) kids to do the same.
The world benefitted from your research with super-heating salts like lithium, which revolutionized the batteries that are in laptops, tablets and cars—yes, Dad, we are proud of you!
You encouraged me (Karen) to follow my dream, even if it wasn't to be a math teacher, and you have affirmed my choice again and again. I may not have liked bluegrass when it blasted through the house on Saturday mornings as we cleaned, but I learned to appreciate it—good thing, since I live in the Bluegrass state!
You taught us to love travel and the outdoors. We rode tires down snowy mountains in Albuquerque, played on the dunes and camped in Michigan, and hiked in the Rocky Mountains.
You taught us that parents make lots of mistakes, and parents put up with a LOT from their kids, and yet, through it all, parents still love their kids. Through watching your struggles, and through our struggles, we learned to be strong, count on the Lord, and make the CHOICE to work on relationships because they are worth it.
You made sure we knew grandparents and relatives so we had a foundation of family. You chose us, and we are forever grateful and blessed to be your son and daughter.
We know you are at peace now, but, oh, how we will miss you. We hope you are playing guitar and singing with the angels, telling your wry jokes, and blessing those around you as you blessed us here on earth. We love you. See you on the other side.
Karen and Brian

Are you mourning the death of a loved one or close friend?

One on One Encouragement and Support

Our Stephen Ministers are highly trained individuals who are available to listen, offer support and walk alongside those experiencing seasons of loss. They're available to meet for an hour a week, at a time and place that's mutually convenient or by phone.

Prayer

A group prays for concerns. Please email to prayer@firstprescos.org.

For more information, call our Caring Ministries Office, 884-6145.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Online at firstprescos.org/watch at 8:30 and 10 a.m.
In-person Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
In-person Worship Center: 10 a.m.

Register for Sunday in-person worship on the preceding Monday at 9 a.m. at my.firstprescos.org/sundayworship



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LIGHT AND LIFE FOR THE CITY

Service to Celebrate the Life of James G. Eberhart February 6, 1936 – November 5, 2020



Thursday, November 12, 2020 • 2 p.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Order of Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn, *“How Great Thou Art”*

Unison Reading: *23rd Psalm (KJV)*

Prayer

Hymn, *“I’ll Fly Away”*

Grandchildren’s Remembrance

Hymn, *“Will the Circle Be Unbroken?”*

Friend’s Remembrance: Ed Powers

Reflections on the Life of James G. Eberhart

Solo, *“I Can Only Imagine”*

Celebration of the Resurrection

Prayer

Hymn, *“The Old Rugged Cross”*

Benediction

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Officiant: Rev. Dr. Pat Hartsock
Soloist: Rev. Matt Holtzman
Coordinator: Rev. Linda Boyles

James G. Eberhart was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Wilfred and Louise Eberhart, his first wife Helen Eberhart, and daughter Renee McKinley.

He is survived by his brother, Dr. David (Marilyn) Eberhart; sister, Carol (Richard) Haines; wife, Lucy Fazekas; daughter, Karen (Don) Higdon; son, Brian Eberhart; daughters-in-law, Krisilyn Patton, Laura Halfpenny and Loann Cook; son-in-law, Russ (Deborah) Fazekas; 21 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Jim was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. He earned his Bachelor of Science in mathematics and his Ph.D in chemistry from Ohio State University. He was a research chemist at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for five years and at Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, Illinois, for 10 years. He then joined the chemistry faculty at Aurora College for five years. During that time, he and Helen raised Karen and Brian in Naperville, Illinois. In 1982, he became a chemistry professor at University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, where Renee joined the family. Jim retired as Professor Emeritus in 2013 after 31 years at UCCS. During those years, he also spent time doing research with the cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Jim had very diverse interests. He worked in Reactor Analysis and Safety and has patents on batteries for the precursor to electric cars. He taught chemistry, thermodynamics and kinetics, quantum mechanics and spectroscopy, and a math anxiety class for adults. He researched the effects of happiness on longevity as well as studying Asperger’s Syndrome. Several journals published his articles.

Jim played guitar and led sing-a-longs at work, schools, summer camps and nursing homes. He loved bluegrass music, played in a bluegrass group in Naperville, and attended events at the Black

Rose Acoustic Society in the Springs. He enjoyed driving across the country to visit his children and grandchildren—Gabe (Cody), Brian Jr. (Summer), Jim (Elizabeth), Noah (Madison) and Jesse. He also joined exercise classes at the Senior Center where he met Lucy, and he loved Lucy’s children and grandchildren as his own.

Jim found a supportive, loving family of believers at First Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class as well as a men’s prayer group.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider a donation to Compassus Hospice of Colorado Springs or the Colorado Springs Senior Center.

Immediately following this memorial, there will be a committal at Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 3825 Airport Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80910.

Pallbearers are Don Higdon, Russ Fazekas, Richard Fazekas, Ethan Halfpenny, Cody Nelson and Jeremy Nelson.

